

## **Minutes Human Relations Commission December 11, 2018**

**Minutes of the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 6:00 p.m., at the City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.**

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Carl Hermanns, Chair  
Dino Castelli, Vice-Chair  
Beth Dietz  
Amanda Lee Faustini  
Rochelle Johns  
David Kader  
Ira King, Jr.  
Jeanne Powers  
Joe Rojas

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

B. J. Ayers  
Stefanie Garcia

**City Staff Present:**

Ginny Belousek, Diversity Manager  
Megan Hutchison, Diversity Executive Assistant  
Ryan Levesque, Deputy Community Development Director - Planning

**Call to Order**

Chair Hermanns called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

Jessica Brice  
Eliana Morrison

**Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Minutes: HRC – November 13, 2018 Minutes (Motion Required)**

Motion by Commissioner Powers to approve the meeting minutes of November 13, 2018; second by Commissioner King. Motion passed on a 9-0 vote.

Ayes: Chair Carl Hermanns, Vice-Chair Dino Castelli and Commissioners Beth Dietz, Amanda Lee Faustini, Rochelle Johns, David Kader, Ira King, Jeanne Powers, and Joe Rojas

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners B.J. Ayers and Stefanie Garcia

**Agenda Item 3 – Tempe Zoning Information**

Chair Hermanns welcomed Ryan Levesque to the meeting. Ryan introduced himself to the Commission and opened the floor for any questions and or concerns they had regarding zoning and land use. The Commission inquired about the zoning laws in Tempe when it comes to Immigration Centers, specifically referencing the business Southwest Key and whether the zoning laws could be changed to not allow them in Tempe. Ryan let the Commission know that depending on size, a facility like Southwest Key would fall under one of two categories; group home or hospital/sanitarium/nursing home. These types of facilities are licensed and monitored by the State. Only the State would be able to stop these facilities from opening. The City of

Tempe does have a regulation requirement regarding land use which states that there must be 1200 feet between each group home facility to prevent clustering. This would be the only enforcement the city would be able to legally provide. He also let the Commission know that the City does track group home locations and he will provide that information to them. If the Commission has any additional questions regarding zoning laws, all that information can be found on the City's website. The Commission inquired if such a facility would be able to move to Tempe without the City's knowledge or permission. Ryan let the Commission know that they would be notified, and a public hearing would happen before these types of facilities would be able to open in Tempe. The Commission thanked Ryan for his time.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Voter's Rights Restoration**

Tabled for future meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Diversity Office Update**

Ginny Belousek updated the Commission on the upcoming MLK Diversity Awards. The deadline for nominations has passed and the winners are currently being selected. She reminded the Commission that the event will take place on Monday, January 14, 2019 at the Marriott Resort Tempe at The Buttes. Registration starts at 7:30am and the breakfast begins at 8:00am. Roy Tatem, East Valley NAACP President, has agreed to be the keynote speaker.

Ginny then gave an update on the upcoming Unity Walk on Saturday, January 26, 2019. The logo has been redesigned from last year and now showcases the Mill Avenue bridge. The rest of the event will remain the same with the festival starting at 4:30pm, followed by the walk at 6:00pm.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair**

Chair Hermanns opened the floor for the nominations of Chair.

Commissioner Castelli moved to nominate Chair Hermanns to remain as Chair.

Chair Hermanns accepted the nomination for one more year.

Commissioner Kader seconded the motion to approve Chair Hermanns as Chair.

Motion passed on an 9-0 vote.

Ayes: Chair Carl Hermanns, Vice-Chair Dino Castelli and Commissioners Beth Dietz, Amanda Lee Faustini, Rochelle Johns, David Kader, Ira King, Jeanne Powers, and Joe Rojas

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners B.J. Ayers and Stefanie Garcia

Chair Hermanns opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner King moved to nominate Vice-Chair Castelli to remain as Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Castelli accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Faustini seconded the motion to approve Commissioner Castelli as Vice Chair.

Motion passed on an 9-0 vote.

Ayes: Chair Carl Hermanns, Vice-Chair Dino Castelli and Commissioners Beth Dietz, Amanda Lee Faustini, Rochelle Johns, David Kader, Ira King, Jeanne Powers, and Joe Rojas

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners B.J. Ayers and Stefanie Garcia

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**Agenda Item 7 – Acknowledge Outgoing Commissioners**

Ginny Belousek handed out an engraved pen set to Commissioner Faustini who will be departing the commission as of December 31, 2018. Commissioner Garcia's pen set will be mailed. The remaining commissioners thanked the outgoing Commissioners for their support.

**Agenda Item 8 – Upcoming Meeting January 8, 2019**

Chair Hermanns requested the Commission's input on their current meeting practices. Recently the Commission's agendas have been overloaded with different topics with each topic leading to a lengthy debate. The concern is that most meetings feel rushed to touch on each topic in a timely manner. He then requested that the Commission consider adjusting the agendas to have one major item and a few smaller, more informational topics to discuss. The Commission discussed the request and agreed. The Commission also discussed other options for meeting if there was an urgent need, ie: more than one meeting a month and creating sub-committees. Ginny Belousek said the Commission can schedule additional meetings as needed and she will also look in to the Commission's ability to create sub-committees and report back at the next meeting.

**Motion made by Vice-Chair Castelli to adjourn the meeting**  
**Second by Commissioner Johns**  
**Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.**

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Prepared by: Megan Hutchison

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Reviewed by: Ginny Belousek